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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 569-595, 597-643, 645-646, 648-651, 654-679, 681-682, 684-687, 690-714, 716-717, 719-747, 749-797, 800-803, 805-831, 833-834, 836-839, 842-866, 868-869, 871-899, 901-947, 949-950, 952-955, 958-983, 985-986, 988-991, 994-1018, 1020-1021, 1023-1051, 1053-1099, 1101-1102, 1104-1107, 1110-1135, 1137-1138, 1140-1143, 1146-1173, 1175-1250, 1252-1253, 1255-1258, 1260-1294, 1296-1407, 1409-1568, 1570-1612 and 1614-1748 were previously pending. Claim 805 has been canceled above. Accordingly, claims 569-595, 597-643, 645-646, 648-651, 654-679, 681-682, 684-687, 690-714, 716-717, 719-747, 749-797, 800-803, 806-831, 833-834, 836-839, 842-866, 868-869, 871-899, 901-947, 949-950, 952-955, 958-983, 985-986, 988-991, 994-1018, 1020-1021, 1023-1051, 1053-1099, 1101-1102, 1104-1107, 1110-1135, 1137-1138, 1140-1143, 1146-1173, 1175-1250, 1252-1253, 1255-1258, 1260-1294, 1296-1407, 1409-1568, 1570-1612 and 1614-1748 are being presented for further prosecution on the merits.

By Applicants' November 15, 2001 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115, claim 804 had been canceled. Claim 804 was directed to a dependent embodiment "wherein Sig comprises an enzyme." In reviewing the claims for the purpose of preparing and submitting a consolidation set of all the pending claims, Applicants'

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attorney realized that pending claim 805 depended from canceled claim 804. In order to avoid having a pending claim dependent from a canceled base claim, Applicants have deleted claim 805 above.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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¹ Claim 805 recites:

The process according to claim 804, wherein said enzyme is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, acid phosphatase, β galactosidase, ribonuclease, glucose oxidase, peroxidase, and a combination thereof.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Claims 569-595, 597-643, 645-646, 648-651, 654-679, 681-682, 684-687, 690-714, 716-717, 719-747, 749-797, 800-803, 806-831, 833-834, 836-839, 842-866, 868-869, 871-899, 901-947, 949-950, 952-955, 958-983, 985-986, 988-991, 994-1018, 1020-1021, 1023-1051, 1053-1099, 1101-1102, 1104-1107, 1110-1135, 1137-1138, 1140-1143, 1146-1173, 1175-1250, 1252-1253, 1255-1258, 1260-1294, 1296-1407, 1409-1568, 1570-1612 and 1614-1748 are being presented for further prosecution on the merits. One claim (claim 805) has been canceled.

No fee or fees are believed due in connection with this Supplemental Amendment. In the event that any such fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee or fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0035, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney request that he be contacted at the number provided below.

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